

RECOVERY WEEKLY CHECK-IN

WITH DMPED

Economic Recovery Updates

April 13, 2021

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DC MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR

Welcome

**Deputy Mayor John Falcicchio,
Planning and Economic Development (DMPED)**

Remarks

**Councilmember Anita Bonds, At Large, Council of
District of Columbia**



Conversation During the DMPED Weekly Check-In

Safe, Stable, and Secure
Housing for District Residents

Councilmember At-Large Anita Bonds
Chairman, Committee on Housing and
Executive Administration

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Legislative Priorities

- Safe, Stable, and Secure Housing for All
- Keeping Housing Providers Whole
- Eviction Moratorium
- Public Safety Exception
- Emergency Rental Assistance
- Eviction Diversion
- Grant assistance for low-income homeowners

Challenges and Opportunities Ahead

- \$352 M federal Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) funds
- \$2.3B in anticipated federal relief funding for the District
- Council's Budget Oversight process: May 27 through June
- Final approval of FY 22 budget expected in August 2021
- Health Emergency ends May, Eviction Moratorium ends July
- DC Courts will resume eviction cases facing heavy backlog
- Efficient distribution of ERA Funds before Court conducts evictions
- \$50 M mortgage assistance coming to DC

Committee on Housing & Executive Administration Oversight Priorities

- Efficient use of Local Rent Supplement Program vouchers (DCHA)
- Accelerate immediate repairs & increase funding for DCHA “Transformation Plan”
- Increase Housing Production Trust Fund to produce more affordable units
- Expansion of ReMIT, HPAP and housing mortgage assistance programs
- Use ERA Funds to keep tenants housed and providers whole
- Clarify & strengthen rental housing stabilization, sales and conversion laws
- Strengthen guides & rights of condos, coops & homeowner associations

Remarks

Polly Donaldson, Director, Department of Housing
and Community Development (DHCD)



STAY DC is the District's new emergency rental assistance program to help households unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The District is receiving approximately **\$350 million** in new federal Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) funds for STAY DC and related efforts.

EXISTING PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT RENTERS AND ADDRESS HOUSING INSTABILITY DURING THE PANDEMIC

Multiple programs have been created, or expanded, during the public health emergency to address housing instability and protect DC's affordable housing.

- **\$1.5M** for the Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program (TBRA)
- **\$20M** for the COVID-19 Housing Assistance Program (CHAP)
- **\$115M** for the Housing Stabilization Grants
- **\$1M** for the DC Mortgage Assistance Program (DC MAP)
- **\$14M** for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)
- **\$27.7M** for the Emergency Solutions Grants
- **\$16M** for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

STAY DC replaces CHAP and will augment ERAP and LIHEAP.

Remarks

Laura Zeilinger, Director, Department of Human Services (DHS)

DC Department of Human Services (DHS)



Presented by:
Laura Zeilinger, Director

STAY DC helps DC residents facing housing instability due to the pandemic pay **up to 12 months of past due rent/ utilities** and **3 months of forward rent/utilities** at a time.

Household Size	Income
1	\$57,650
2	\$65,850
3	\$74,100
4	\$82,300
5	\$88,900
6	\$95,500
7	\$102,100
8	\$108,650

The STAY DC program is administered by the Department of Human Services (DHS) in collaboration with the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED), the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services (DMHHS), the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), and the Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE).

STAY DC will provide support to residents through:

- **Back Rent:** Funding can be used to pay unpaid rent going back to April 1, 2020
- **Upcoming Rent:** Money can be used to pay forward rent, up to 3 months at a time
- **Utility Expenses:** Water, gas and electricity expenses can be paid on your behalf
- **Extended Support:** Housing support is available for up to 18 months, per tenant

Learn more and apply for assistance at stay.dc.gov.

Applicants can call 833-4-STAYDC from 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday to get assistance. Call takers will answer your questions during the call, or in some cases may need to call you back. Please be prepared to leave your name and contact information.

- Call center staff speak English and Spanish. Interpretation services will be available for French, Cantonese/Mandarin, Korean, Vietnamese, and Amharic.
- Web based application is available in 100+ languages.
- Guides for applications are available in English, Spanish, Amharic, French, Cantonese/mandarin, Vietnamese.
- Paper application is available in English, Spanish, Amharic.

Special Guests Remarks

**George Lambert, President and CEO, Greater
Washington Urban League**

Jennifer Gray, Ward 7 Resident

Open Discussion

Q & A

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